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To: NorCal Field Managers
Attention: Fire Management Officers

From: State Director

Subject: 2005 NorCal Region Fire Readiness Review Actions **DD: 07/29/05**

The Readiness Review for the Northern California Region was conducted between June 20 and June 30, 2005. The review team was led by Gary Cardoza and Paul Bannister from the BLM California State Office, Branch of Fire and Aviation. The areas reviewed included: Susanville and Ravendale Fire Stations (Eagle Lake F.O.), Surprise Valley Fire Station (Surprise F.O.), West Valley Fire Station (Alturas F.O.), and King Range Fire Station (Arcata F.O.) The Redding and Ukiah Field Office Fire Management Programs were also reviewed. All suppression personnel, suppression resources, and Line Officers were reviewed and/or interviewed.

The Review Team was composed of:

NORCAL East:

Gary Cardoza – State Fire Equipment Specialist
Paul Bannister – State Fire Operations Specialist
Matt Kingsley – Bishop Interagency Fire Management Officer
Tom Sherman – Fire Operations Specialist, CDD

NORCAL West:

Paul Bannister – State Fire Operations Specialist
Kevin Chambers – Bakersfield F.O. Fire Management Officer
Mark Beterbide – Fire Operations Specialists, Norcal Region

Diamond Mountain Hotshots were committed to an off District fire assignment and unavailable for review.

The Ravendale Helitack Crew was reviewed by:
Chris Parkan – State Aviation Manager

Results:

The overall results of the review were positive. The crews all proved to be proficient during all phases of the operational drills. It is our finding that all of the Northern California Region's fire suppression resources are well trained and prepared to safely and effectively fight fire for the 2005 fire season.

Action items:

The following is a list of items that were recognized during the review process that need some corrective action.

- Insure that current Red Cards have been issued to all employees engaged in fire suppression/support activities.

Ravendale Fire Station:

- Explore the feasibility of staffing the Helicopter Module to Red Book Standards.
- Generate some documentation for the physical fitness program (Engine Modules)
- Secure O2 bottles in station cache
- Insure completion of the following station maintenance/administration items:
 - New commercial stove sitting in kitchen, not installed.
 - New stove hood sitting in kitchen, not installed.
 - Repair of wall and vent system behind stove not complete.
 - Water system not working properly
 - No barracks rates being paid.
 - No RV trailer space rental being paid.
 - No FAX machine.
 - Computer not working (remote service could be the problem)
 - Barracks needs cleaning. Bedrooms, showers and floors all need a complete cleaning.

Please provide written documentation that these action items have been corrected, or that a process has been initiated for resolve by **July 29, 2005**. Forward your information to Paul Bannister, CA State Fire Operations Specialist, and feel free to call with any questions and/or concerns at (916) 978-4437.

Thank you for all your hard work and dedication to this Readiness Review process.

Signed by:
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